

Mr. P. V. Raphael (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): Government thought that an occasional verification of the costly store was desirable and therefore they ordered a verification.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): May I know when the last verification was done?

Mr. P. V. Raphael (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): This was hitherto done by the medical officers. Government thought that an independent verification is desirable.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): Is it the case of Government that they were not satisfied with the checking of the medical officers?

Mr. P. V. Raphael (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): There is no question of satisfaction. Government only thought that an independent verification would be a desirable thing.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): Are we to take it that there are no special reasons for this verification?

Mr. M. Krishna Menon (*Trichur-North*): Was this store audited in the past by any outside agency?

Mr. P. V. Raphael (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): There was no independent verification by any outside agency. It was being done by the medical officers in the past.

Mr. K. S. Panicker (*Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram*): What made Government to do this now?

Mr. P. V. Raphael (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): Government thought that it was desirable.

Mr. C. J. Mathew (*Joint Secretary to Government*): Hereafter once in three years, it will be done by an outside agency.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി: കൺട്രോളറാഫീസ്സ് ക്ലാക്കു ചെക്ക ചെയ്യുവാൻ മാത്രമല്ലേ ഉള്ളൂ.

Mr. P. V. Raphael (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): A separate staff is necessary.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി: ലോക്കൽ ആഡിറ്ററാഫീസിലേ ?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. വി. റാമേൽ: ലോക്കൽ ആഡിറ്ററിൽ പെട്ടതല്ല ഇതു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: അഡീഷണൽ ഫൺഡ്സ് കൂടാതെ ഇതു ചെയ്യുവാൻ സാധിക്കയില്ലേ ?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. വി. റാമേൽ: ഇല്ല.

Demand put and carried

10. Rs. 300 under "38—Miscellaneous—Refund of Lapsed R. T. Rs."

Mr. P. V. Raphael (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 300 under "38 Miscellaneous—Refund of Lapsed R. T. Rs." The amount provided in the Budget for this purpose is only Rs. 200. This amount is found to be insufficient to meet the actual requirements of this year. I request the House to grant the same.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (*Planters*): What do you mean by R. T. Rs.?

Mr. P. V. Raphael (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): Remittance Transfer Receipts from treasury to treasury.

Demand put and carried

11. Rs. 18,000 under "7 Excise—2—Manufacture of Salt"

Mr. Parambi Lonappan (*Commissioner of Excise*): Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 18,000 under "7 Excise—2—Manufacture of Salt." Our Government has started the manufacture of salt in the State to make it self-sufficient as far as possible in that respect. An officer has been got down from British service for this purpose. The scheme was prepared and work commenced only after the beginning of the year. Government had sanctioned a lump sum of Rs. 50,000 for the manufacture of salt this year. But on reference to the Special Officer, it is understood that only 15.33 acres could be prepared this year for the manufacture and the cost involved including pay of staff and cost of instruments will come to Rs. 21,000. There is provision in the Budget for Rs. 3,000. Hence an additional allotment of Rs. 18,000 has become necessary. I request that the House may be pleased to grant the same.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Has any salt been already manufactured?

Mr. P. V. Raphael (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): It is under the process of manufacture.

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